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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application, which is being submitted in response to the final Office Action dated February 13, 2002 and the Advisory Action dated April 19, 2002. Please incorporate the revisions presented below before continuing the examination of said application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraphs as amended in this section. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a marked-up version of the following paragraphs are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1 with the following:

When the video graphics processing circuit is supplying pixel data to multiple displays, one or more of the displays may be operating in a virtual desktop mode. A display will operate in a virtual desktop mode when its resolution does not match the resolution of one or more of the other multiple displays. Typically, the display operating in a virtual desktop mode has a lower resolution than the primary display, thus it is too small to display the full image of the data stored in the frame buffer. When in the virtual desktop mode, only a portion of the image in the frame buffer is presented on screen. To view other portions of the image, a mouse, or other GUI action is performed.

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